



Loudoun County Sheriff's Office

Crime Prevention Unit



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Spooktacular 1 year Anniversary Issue

Important Numbers:

- * Emergency 911
- * Non-Emergency
703-777-1021
703-777-0445
- * Poison Control
1-800-222-1222
- * Animal Control
703-777-0406
- * Sheriff's Office Admin
703-777-0407
- * Narcotic Tip Line
703-779-0552
- * Crime Solvers
703-777-1919



Crime Prevention Month



Halloween Safety

Everyone wants to have a safe and happy Halloween for themselves, their guests and their children.

Anytime a child has an accident it's tragic. The last thing that anyone wants is their child being hurt on the holidays, because it would forever live in the mind of the parent as well as the child.

There are many ways to keep your child safe on Halloween when they are more prone to injuries and accidents. The excitement of children and adults at this time of year sometimes makes them forget to be careful. Simple common

sense can do a lot to stop any tragedies from happening.

Halloween Safety Tips

- It is safest if an adult accompanies all kids.
- Know what activities your kids will be attending and where they are located.
- Make sure you discuss the difference between tricks and vandalism to older kids.
- Help your child pick out a costume that has good visibility as well as mobility.
- Use reflective tape on costumes to increase visibility.
- If there are no sidewalks always walk facing traffic.
- Try to Trick-or-Treat while

still daylight. If you can not do this be sure to have a parent carry a flashlight.

-Trick-or-Treating is always safer and more fun when done with friends.

-Children should be cautioned not to enter any home without prior permission from their parents.

-Children should never approach any house that is not well lit and does not have a porch or an outside light on.

-Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything that seems to have been tampered with, has

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does Loudoun County have a curfew for children under 18 years old?

R: No Loudoun County does not have a curfew ordinance. The town of Leesburg and the Town of Purcellville do have curfew laws. Purcellville's curfew is 1130pm. Leesburg's curfew is 1200am. Leesburg's curfew also moves up to 1000pm on Halloween. Contact Leesburg or Purcellville P.D's for more information.

If you would like to have a question answered, please e-mail the question to

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been opened, or is not wrapped. If you have any questions about if a candy has been tampered with you can contact the National Cofectioners Association at 1-800-433-1200.

-Make sure costumes are flame retardant.

Make Halloween a fun, safe and happy time for your kids and they will carry on the tradition that you taught them to their own families one day.



Thefts from Vehicles

Larceny from Vehicles 2009:

January: 86	May: 80	September: 50
February: 120	June: 143	
March: 103	July: 128	
April: 69	August: 83	

Skaters..

South riding businesses have had numerous complaints from citizens in that area about skateboarders in certain shopping centers. These complaints concern juveniles that are being dropped off at these locations and verbally abusing customers, blocking entry to some stores, and shoplifting. To help combat these complaints the Sheriff's Office has joined with these shopping centers and has instituted a barment program. Under this program juveniles can be bared from the parking areas of these businesses and if they return can be issued a trespassing summons.



Upcoming events

October 7, 2009: Home Security , Potomac Green 7pm

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October 13, 2009: Introduction to Policing, Providence Village, Sterling Community Center 700pm

October 13, 2009: Home Security, Lakes Rec. Center Ashburn Village 7pm

October 15, 2009: Internet Safety for Parents, South Village, Dulles South Safety Center 7pm

October 21, 2009: Home Security, Brambleton, Legacy Elementary Cafeteria, 7pm